

IRREGULAR BORDER AND SCOTTISH RUNAWAY MARRIAGES

This list of Custodians and Owners of all the known existing records of Scottish Irregular and Runaway Marriages, is based upon an original list compiled in 1927 by Mr G W Shirley of the Ewart Library in Dumfries. The list was extended by Mr George Crichton in a leaflet published by the Society of Genealogists, and after considerable research and communication with all the Custodians, further extended by myself. Having taken great care to authenticate the accuracy of the information gathered, I feel able to present this list as up to date and fully comprehensive.

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NB Some Custodians require a fee for search and copy of Register Entries.

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Covering Dates	Place	"Priests"	Descriptive Notes	Locations of Owners & Custodians
1754-1826	Portpatrick Stranraer Stonykirk Leswalt	Dr John McKenzie	Irregular Marriages Extracted from Parish Records by Arthur Brack (247 entries Irish Runaways)	Copies held by: Society of Genealogists 14 Charterhouse Buildings Goswell Road London EC1M 7BA Tel: 02072 518799 Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society Research Centre 9 Glasgow Street Dumfries DG2 9AF Tel: 01387 850268 Dumfries & Galloway Archives Northumberland & Durham Family History Society
1762-1795	Haddington	J Buchanan Minister	Register of the Episcopalian Chapel of Holy Trinity Church, Haddington These are regular marriages but are included because they are Runaway Marriages 3 Volumes Thin Quarto (222 entries)	The National Records of Scotland New Register House Princess Street Edinburgh EH1 3YT Tel: 0131 824 0380 Transcript in Northern Notes & Queries Vol 111 (1889) Vol IV (1890)
1782-1856	Coldstream	William Dickson William Armstrong & others	Extracts from the Coldstream Registers by F L Carter (45 entries)	Borough Archivist Berwick upon Tweed Record Office Council Office Wallace Green Berwick upon Tweed TD15 1ED Tel: 01289 301865
1783-1895	Springfield Gretna Green	David Lang Simon Lang William Lang	4 Bound Volumes 2 Paper Bound Volumes 3 Bound Index 1 Unbound Index 1 Chest containing photos and numerous documents including statements of residence, bills and receipts	Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies Northgate Canterbury Kent CT1 1BA Tel: 01227 768664
1793-1797	Coldstream	Not Known	1 Volume (633 entries)	Scottish Borders Council Coldstream Museum 12 Market Square Coldstream Berwickshire TD12 4BD Tel: 01890 882630 Copy at: Berwick upon Tweed Record Office And at Scottish Borders Archives St Mary's Mill Selkirk TD7 5EW Tel: 01750 20882
1797-1854	Blue Bell Inn Annan	Isaac Hope	Irregular Marriages extracted from Parish Records by Arthur Brack (405 entries)	Copies held by: Society of Genealogists and at Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society Dumfries & Galloway Archives Northumberland & Durham Family History Society

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1804-1816 1849-1855	Lamberton Toll	George Lamb George Sharpe Photocopy at Morpeth Record Office	Index only (2000 entries approx.)	Northumberland Museum & Archives Queen Elizabeth II Country Park Ashington Northumberland NE68 9YF Tel: 01670 624455
1808-1864	Coldstream Lamberton & Eastern Borders	Not known	Extracted from Berwick Newspapers. Initiated by Alan Readdie of N&DFHS and completed by staff of the Northumberland County Record Office (1996 entries)	Northumberland Museum & Archives Queen Elizabeth II Country Park Ashington Northumberland NE68 9YF Tel: 01670 624455
1811-1840	Springfield Gretna Green	Robert Elliot and a number of Joseph Pasley entries	2 Bound Volumes 6 Booklets 3 Unbound Booklets 1 Small Notebook containing parts of notebooks, loose sheets & fragments, some dating from 1746	Durham University Library Archives & Special Collections Palace Green Section Palace Green Tel: 0191 334 2932 Extracts at Northumberland & Durham Family History Society
1820-1897	Lamberton & Area	Andrew Lyons & others	Extracts from various Registers by ACA Steven (52 entries)	Borough Archivist Berwick upon Tweed Record Office Council Office Wallace Green Berwick upon Tweed TD15 1ED Tel: 01289 301865
1820-1940	River Tweed Unoion Bridge Paxton Lamberton Coldstream Mordington	John Forster Joseph Atkinson Edward Gray Henry Collins Thomas Dunn Peter Moodie DPD Muddiless or Mordilee John Armstrong A N Pringle	Irregular Border Marriage Certificates 74 Marriage Certificates collected and transcribed by Linda A Bankier MA DAA	Borough Archivist Berwick upon Tweed Record Office Council Office Wallace Green Berwick upon Tweed TD15 1ED Tel: 01289 301865
1825-1855	Gretna Hall	John Linton & others	1 Bound Volume 1 Contemporary Index 1 Modern Index 36 Files of Duplicate Certificates & Roll of Tables of Correction (1233 entries) Index 1829-1855 printed by Scottish Record Society 1949 (1130 entries)	Dumfries & Galloway Archives Ewart Library Catherine Street Dumfries DG11 J13 Tel: 01387 253820 / 252070 Copies held by: Public Library The Lanes Carlisle CA3 8NX Tel: 01228 607310 / 01228 607321 also Ewart Library Gretna Hall Hotel Old Blacksmith Shop Many Libraries and Genealogical Societies Northumberland & Durham Family History Society

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1832-1835	Sark Toll Bar Gretna	George McQueen	3 Bound Volumes (342 entries)	Dumfries & Galloway Archives Ewart Library Catherine Street Dumfries DG11 J13 Tel: 01387 253820 / 252070
1834-1843 1844-1849	Lamberton Toll	Henry Collins	2 Volumes (2544 entries) Transcription & Index published by Northumberland & Durham Family History Society Percy House Percy Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4PW Tel: 0191 261 2159	National Records of Scotland New Register House Edinburgh EH1 3YT Tel: 0131 334 0380 Copy on microfilm at: Northumberland Record Office Copies at Society of Genealogists, many libraries and Family History Societies
1840-1841	Lamberton Toll Mordington & Paxton	Unknown	Miscellaneous papers Deposit No AD58/125 from Lord Advocates Office (48 entries) Transcribed by Arthur Brack	National Records of Scotland New Register House Edinburgh EH1 3YT Tel: 0131 334 0380 Transcription published & held by Northumberland & Durham Family History Society
1843-1862	Queens Head Inn Springfield Gretna	John Douglas	4 Bound Volumes (934 entries)	National Records of Scotland New Register House Edinburgh EH1 3YT Tel: 0131 334 0380 Photocopies at: Ewart Library, Dumfries National Archive of Scotland and Register Office, Central Avenue Gretna, Dumfriesshire
1843-1865	Allisons Toll Bar Gretna	John Murray & Daughter	16 Bound Volumes (6828 entries)	Dumfries & Galloway Archives Ewart Library Catherine Street Dumfries DG11 J13 Tel: 01387 253820 / 252070 Copy at R Nicholson
1896-1940	Blacksmiths Shop Gretna Green (Headless Cross)	Peter Dickson Thomas Johnstone Jessie Graham Richard Nugent Richard Rennison & others	22 Bound Volumes (11 volumes of Certificates plus 11 volumes of Registers) (4045 entries)	Gretna Museum & Tourist Services Ltd The Old Blacksmith Shop Gretna Green Dumfriesshire DG16 5EA Tel: 01461 338441
1928-1933	Gretna Toll Bar	Arthur Stevenson	Bound Volume of Certificates and a bound contemporary index (142 entries)	Mr J Stevenson 46 Pretoria Road Eastriggs, Annan Copy at Dumfries & Galloway Archives Copy of Index at Northumberland & Durham Family History Society
1937-1940	Gretna Hall	David Ramsay McIntosh Jessie Graham	2 Bound Volumes (473 entries)	North British Trust Hotels Gretna Hall Hotel Gretna Green Tel: 01461 337635